



# *TIGTA and the Tax Preparer Community:*

## *Working Together to Protect Federal Tax Administration*

TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL  
FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION

# Session Overview

*“Collaboration is required during these difficult economic times to protect the integrity of the nation’s tax system.”*

*- J. Russell George*

This session discusses oversight audits, criminal investigations and how tax preparers can work with TIGTA.



# What is TIGTA

- Created by Congress to:
  - Provide independent oversight of the IRS
  - Protect the integrity and the fair administration of the Federal tax system
- Reports to Secretary of the Treasury and Congress
- Investigates wrongdoing by IRS employees
- Investigates external attempts to corrupt and threaten



# The Honorable J. Russell George



- Inspector General since 2004
- Former staff director of Congressional subcommittee
- Former White House attorney
- Former NY City prosecutor
- Harvard Law School Graduate

# Overseeing the IRS

- Conducts investigations, audits, inspections and evaluations of IRS activities
- Recommends improvements to IRS programs and operations
- Protects the integrity of tax administration
- Detect and prevent fraud, abuse, and waste



# Practitioner Role in Protecting Federal Tax Administration

- Direct interaction with taxpayers
- First line of defense against fraud and corruption
- Experience with IRS personnel and processes
- Reports examples of inefficiencies or systemic problems





# TIGTA Audits of Interest

- Reviews of IRS Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR)
- Annual audits of the filing season
- Audits of various E-filing processes
- Audits of IRS customer service and compliance programs



# Working With TIGTA's Auditors

- Preparers have a significant effect on taxpayer compliance
- First hand knowledge of taxpayer concerns
- Insights into IRS programs and operations





# TIGTA's Office of Investigations

TIGTA combats fraud, waste and abuse of our nation's Federal tax system, by investigating:

- IRS employee integrity
- Employee and infrastructure security
- External attempts to corrupt tax administration



# Investigations Involving Preparers

- Misconduct by IRS employees
- Attempts to bribe IRS employees
- Misconduct by deceitful tax practitioners
- Fraudulent use of:
  - IRS seal or logo
  - Impersonation of IRS officials



# Contacting TIGTA

- TIGTA Tax Forum Locations:
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  - Audit table in Mezzanine
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# Questions?

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TIGTA Representatives are available for further discussion:

- Office of Audit – Mezzanine
- Office of Investigations – Exhibit Hall

